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Sent: 3/25/2021 8:14:51 PM
To: Janet_whitlock@ios.doi.gov; Paul_Souza@fws.gov; paul_souza@ios.doi.gov
Subject: SoCal offshore disposal issue
Attachments: EPA_R9 Senator Feinstein Response 032421.pdf; DFeinstein to EPA AA Nishida.pdf

Mr. Souza, Attached please find an EPA Region 9 response to Senator Feinstein related to the drum disposal issue off the Southern CA coast that I have been communicating with Janet Whitlock and NOAA about. NOAA received a similar letter. We are curious if you did as well. Our acting Regional Administrator copied you on our response.

As the letter states, we are working with NOAA and the State to have a multi-agency discussion on the issue in the April/May timeframe. We would like to know who from FWS and/or DOI could participate, such that we can coordinate with them. EPA will have our Superfund Division Director Enrique Manzanilla and a rep from our Water Division. The State will have a number of departments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: LA Times article re: PV Shelf and offshore barrel disposal

Janet, I wanted to share letters that both NOAA and EPA received from Senator Feinstein. We're curious if DOI has received a similar letter. In any case, we'd like to identify the appropriate person at DOI to work with as we produce our response. It would be good if the responses from the Feds to Senator Feinstein have some level of coordination.

You may also know that the LA Times is expected to produce an update on what's been done since its Oct article. NOAA tells me that Scripps is planning on starting its NOAA-funded sonar effort of the area this Thursday.

Hope all is well,

John